THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government has not received any information from the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra State about the sub-standard drugs of 97 companies of which 48 units are outside the State of Maharashtra.

Expiry date for use of anti leprosy drugs at Baghbazare Depot

2746. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-leprosy drugs costing lakhs of rupees became time barred at Baghbazare Depot at Calcutta during 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that several other depots in the country were facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not bringing in use the anti-leprosy drugs at Baghbazare depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no Central Government Medical Store Depot at Baghbazar, Calcutta.

(b) According to reports, no Central Government Medical Store Depot in the country is facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, does not arise.

Establishment of National Institute of maternal and child health

2747. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish National Institute of Maternal and Child Health during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, which are the locations suggested by different States in this regard;

(c) what decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if no decision has been taken, by when it is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Locations suggested are: Nagpur in Maharashtra, Bhiwani in Haryana, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Jodhpur in Rajasthan, Trivandrum in Kerala, Calcutta and Kalyani in West Bengal, Patiala in Punjab and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Observations made in the Lentin Commission Report

2748. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the ansnwer to Unstarred Question No. 1878 given in Rajya Sabha on 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has since examined the Lentin Commission report;

(b) if so, what are the main observations made in the Report;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain specific conclusions have been drawn about the working of Drugs Control Administration as well as poor standard of medicines;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of consumers in the light of the Report?